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### GOOD ROADS.

We would again urge upon the farmers and business men of the county the necessity for some action regarding the bettering of the condition of our country roads. Just now, it is true, there is no necessity for any improvement, as they are all in first class condition, except perhaps the bottom road; but this should not deter the good roads enthusiasts from agitating the question and keeping it uppermost in the minds of the farmers. We should not follow the example of the "Arkansas Traveler," who had a large hole in the roof of his house, and which in fine weather needed no repairing, and in rainy weather could not be repaired because of the bad weather. While the roads are now in good condition we must not forget that the season is approaching when they are more than likely to become impassable. No man who has lived in this county for any length of time, and who has ever had occasion to traverse our roads during the bad seasons, but who knows the necessity of a change in the system of keeping them in repair. There are some who, unable to see beyond the end of their noses, endeavor to decry the good roads movement, but we are happy to say that these form a very small portion of the population, and generally they have no interest whatever in the matter except to be "knocking." They are small potatoes and few in a hill.

As to the means to be adopted for bringing about the desired end honest differences of opinion exist, and each and every one of these are entitled to the same consideration that is asked for the scheme that has found publicity through the columns of the Courier. The plan is not ours—we wish we could truthfully say it was—but is the result of concentrated thought and experiment of men who have given the subject their closest attention and study for years and are acknowledged authorities on it. We sincerely believe that the direct taxation plan of keeping up the roads is the best that has so far been proposed, and are consequently heartily in favor of it. Should another plan be proposed which promised better results for the amount of money expended, and which would give more satisfaction to those directly interested, we would have no hesitancy in advocating it as strongly as we have the direct taxation plan.

That something needs to be done there is hardly a man to dispute. The question is, how shall it be done? Upon this question some sort of an agreement could be arrived at by a series of mass meetings held in the different precincts of the county. By this means delegates could be chosen to speak for the people at the next session of the Fiscal court, and this body would hardly have the temerity, if it was so inclined, to disregard the expressed will of the taxpayers. They want the roads improved, and will be satisfied with nothing short of that. Of makeshifts they have had a plenty, and as the matter rests entirely with the Fiscal court, the people look to it for relief. Give them a new system—one that will be productive of some apparent results, one in fact that will give the people what they so much need, a road over which a load of fair proportions can be hauled any day in the year. By doing this the Fiscal court will not only be doing its duty, but it will have the

gratitude of every farmer in the county, the endorsement of every merchant, and the satisfaction of seeing its county prosper because of its progressiveness. It will not only cover itself with glory, but it will have the knowledge of duty well done, the most gratifying of all results.

The committee having in charge the arrangements for the Fourth of July celebration in Hickman are working like Trojans for the success of the enterprise, and every indication points to the most wonderful celebration that the town has ever seen. The advertising matter is expected this week, and will at once be put up. It will cover a field many miles in area, and is of such nature that it cannot help but bring a large and enthusiastic crowd here on that day. Negotiations are now pending for a band contest, and the committee hopes to secure several of the bands of neighboring towns to compete. Arrangements for the baseball game are about completed, many owners of yachts have signified their intention of entering their craft in the different events, applications have already been received from athletes and others who desire to participate in one or more of the contests, swimmers, divers, oarsmen, scullers, and in fact every kind of athlete has expressed to the committee his intention of entering the races. As a whole the celebration will eclipse anything in its line ever seen in these parts. The committee has been quite liberally supplied with funds to carry out the affair, and nothing will be left undone that would in any manner help to make the day the talk of two states for months after it takes place.

Several weeks ago, when the name of Ollie James was first mentioned in connection with being a delegate at large to the St. Louis convention, the question as to whom he favored for the nomination was raised in many sections of the district. A number of newspapers have undertaken to dodge the question for Mr. James—by whose authority we are not prepared to say—declaring that he will "support the nominee." This statement, made with an evident intention of hiding the name of his favorite, taken in connection with the fact that Mr. James has been openly charged with favoring the nomination of Mr. Hearst, and his studied silence upon this very important matter, has led many of his friends hereabouts to question whether he is in complete harmony with his constituency. The first district is almost unanimous in its opposition to the candidacy of Mr. Hearst, and "Our Ollie" could not do better than to define his position on the question. We are for Mr. James for anything he wants, but unalterably opposed to Mr. Hearst.

The fire-eater, ex Governor W. O. Bradley, laid down to the unconquerable Yerkes at the republican convention in Louisville but it was not through choice. He either had to knuckle under or be left out in the cold and cruel world. Having a particular abhorrence against not being "one of the push," he cast away all his unused fire brands and knelt gracefully at the feet of his conqueror. From high exalted ruler to the most menial slave—Ye gods, how are the mighty fallen!

The Hearst campaign was launched in Fulton county last Saturday night at Fulton. No one was injured, both spell-binders getting clear of the debris caused by the collapse of the opposition. There was said to be no one to impede their hasty exit and they easily got out of their own way, which, we are pleased to note, they had sense enough to do.

Ex-Governor Bradley has

shown that it is all right to have ideas and principles so long as they do not interfere with the position one holds, but that when they do they are to be gracefully laid to one side until such time as they can be revised and amended to suit the high mogul in control.

The Cincinnati Commercial Tribune thus gives the Louisville Post an official certificate of good standing in the Republican rank: "The Louisville Post, flying at the head of its editorial columns, 'A Democratic Newspaper,' is, nevertheless, a newspaper in the full fellowship of Republicanism." As the Commercial Tribune is one of the staunchest republican organs in the state of Ohio, this statement should settle the status of the "Ex Post Facto," as its contemporary, the Herald designates it.

State Chairman Allie Young has thrown down the gauntlet to the Democratic party of the state of Kentucky, declaring that he is the supreme ruler thereof; that he is to be judge, jury and executioner in the matter of the recognition of delegates at the state convention. Mr. Young has had things his own way so long in the direction of the democratic party of the state, that it was to be supposed that he would not approve of any curtailment of his powers; but he has also been state chairman long enough to know that when the people desire to take the reins of government from anyone, whose services for any reason they no longer desire, they will do it. Mr. Young shows an ungrateful spirit in his announced intention to rule or ruin, and the sooner he is dethroned the better it will be for the democratic party. Harmony the party wants, and harmony the party will have, even though Mr. Young has to be sat upon. Nothing is to be gained by opposing the will of the majority.

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